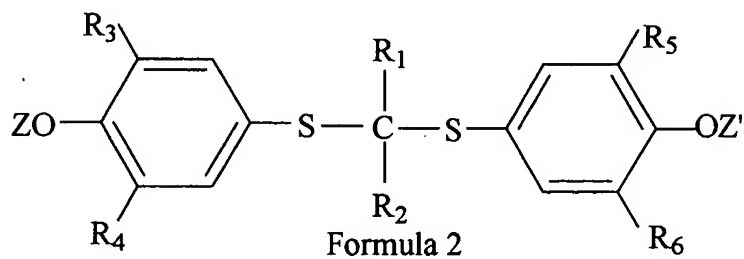


ABSTRACT

A method is described for the preparation of polymorphic forms of water-soluble derivatives of probucol compounds having the following formula



where R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , Z and Z' are defined herein.